





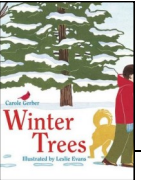

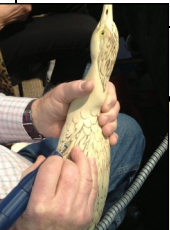


# February

## EAGLE CREEK PARK 2018

**Earth Discovery Center (EDC)** 317-327-7148  
**Ornithology Center (OC)** 317-327-BIRD (2473)  
 Open Monday-Saturday 9-5, Sunday 1-5  
**56th St. Admin. Office** 317-327-7110  
 Open Monday-Friday 9-5

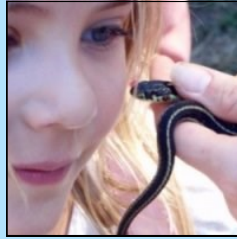
Programs located at:  
**Earth Discovery Center**  
**Ornithology Center**  
 Other (location)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>The next Great Backyard Bird Count is February 16-19, 2018</b></p> <p>Bird watchers of all ages count birds to create a real-time snapshot of where birds are.</p> 				1	2 Groundhog Day 3pm Meet a Groundhog 4pm Meet a Raptor 	3 1:30pm Discovery Class 2:30pm Raptor Feeding
4 9am Birdwalk 1:30pm Feeding Time 2:30pm Meet a Raptor	5	6 9:30am Story Time on the Reservoir- <i>Groundhog at Evergreen Road</i>	7 8:30am Volunteer Coffee Talk	8	9  4pm Meet a Raptor	10 1:30pm Discovery Class 2:30pm Raptor Feeding
11 9am Birdwalk 12pm Film Series 1:30pm Feeding Time 2:30pm Meet a Raptor 	12	13 9:30am Story Time on the Reservoir- <i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i> 	14 Valentines Day	15 10:30am Little Ducklings\$	16 4pm Meet a Raptor	17 10am & 2pm Great Backyard Bird Count 1:30pm Discovery Class 2:30pm Raptor Feeding
18 9am Birdwalk 1:30pm Feeding Time 2pm Great Backyard Bird Count 2:30pm Meet a Raptor	19 Presidents Day Park open normal hours 	20 9:30am Story Time on the Reservoir- <i>Winter Trees</i>	21	22  4pm Meet a Raptor 5pm Friday Night Hoots\$	23	24 10am-2pm Winter Frosty Trail Marathon (Beach) 1:30pm Discovery Class 2:30pm Raptor Feeding
25 9am Birdwalk 1:30pm Feeding Time 2:30pm Meet a Raptor	26	27 9:30am Story Time on the Reservoir- <i>If you Find a Rock</i>	28 Don't miss out on our <b>Annual Woodcarver Exhibition, March 3rd &amp; 4th, 2018</b> at the Earth Discovery Center! Artists will be on hand to answer questions and demonstrate their skills. Works will be for sale but admission is free with park entrance fee. 			

## Recurring Programs

### Saturdays:

**Nature Discovery Class**, 1:30pm at the Earth Discovery Center. Stop by for a fun nature activity! Possible activities include: hikes, pond life, simple crafts, and more! Free with park admission.



**Raptor Feeding Time**, 2:30pm at the Ornithology Center. Join a naturalist to watch us feed one or more of our birds of prey. Feeding only takes a few minutes so don't be late! Free with park admission.

### Sundays:

**Sunday Morning Birdwalk**, 9-11am at the Ornithology Center. Join a group of new and experienced birders for a brisk morning bird walk! Meets rain or shine. Walk is not geared toward children but they are welcome to attend.

**EDC Feeding Time**, 1:30-2pm at the Earth Discovery Center. Watch as our educational amphibians, reptiles, and other critters enjoy their lunch! Free with park admission.



**Meet A Raptor**, 2:30-3pm at the Ornithology Center. Join a naturalist to discover

the world of raptors! You will meet one or more of our special birds of prey and learn about what makes them raptors. Free with park admission.

### Tuesdays:

**Story Time on the Reservoir**, 9:30am at the Earth Discovery Center. After reading a nature-themed story, participants will visit stations at their own pace. Stations will vary but may include puppets, coloring pages, artifacts with a naturalist, or additional books. Program best suited for preschool and kindergarten, but early elementary students are welcome to join. Free with park admission.

### Fridays:

**Meet A Raptor**, 4pm at the Ornithology Center. Meet one or more of our special birds of prey and learn about what makes them raptors. Free with park admission.

## February Programs

To register for programs go to [www.indyparks.org](http://www.indyparks.org) and enter the 5 digit course #. Free programs do not require registration.

Feb 3 (Fri) **Meet a Groundhog**, 3pm at the Earth Discovery Center. Meet and learn about our resident groundhog! Free with park admission.

Feb 7 (Wed) **Volunteer Coffee Talk**, 8:30am at the Earth Discovery Center. Join us the first Wednesday of every month for an environmental presentation. A great chance to meet park volunteers and learn more about volunteer opportunities. Everyone is welcome! Free with park admission.

Feb 11 (Sun) **Sunday Film Series**, 12-1:30pm at the Ornithology Center. Join us for conservation, conversation and coffee! Each session will include viewing a documentary on bird conservation and on our relationships with birds. Following each film we will engage in a group discussion about the film. Coffee and tea included. Free with park admission.

Feb 15 (Thurs) **Little Ducklings-Forests**, 10:30-11:30am at the Ornithology Center. A new topic will be introduced each class through hands-on activities, hikes, stories, and take-home ideas for continuing exploration at home. Sign up for a single class or multiple! Ages 3-5 with adult, \$5/child, #14555.

Feb 17 & 18 (Sat, Sun) **Great Backyard Bird Count**, Saturday, from 10-10:30am and 2-2:30pm, Sunday from 2-2:30pm, at the Ornithology Center. Join our naturalists to count the birds we can see from the reservoir and bird feeder rooms and learn about ways you can attract birds to your backyard this spring. No birding experience required! Great family activity! Free with park admission.

Join us for the **21st Annual Great Backyard Bird Count**, February 17th and 18th at the Ornithology Center. Launched in 1998 by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, the Great Backyard Bird Count was the first online citizen-science project to collect data on wild birds and to display results in near real-time. Find out more information at <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/>

Feb 23 (Fri) **Friday Night Hoots**, 5-6:30pm at the Ornithology Center. See live owls up close and take a night hike to discover the owls of the park! Children under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Bring a flashlight! \$8/person; \$2 discount/person for 3+ registrants, call 317-327-2473 to register with discount. All ages, #14533.

Feb 24 (Sat) **Winter Frosty Trail Marathon**, 10am-2pm beginning at the beach. The course covers trails on the east side of the park. Register at: <https://131events.com/winter-trail-frosty/>



## Did You Know?

- 1972 Mayor Lugar officially opened Eagle Creek Park as the fourth largest municipal park in the nation.
- 1973 The Eagle Creek Park Nature Center opened in J.K. Lilly's library building after renovation by Director Harry Feldman.
- 1984 Eagle's Crest Nature Preserve on the west side of the reservoir was dedicated.
- The 1987 Pan American Games used the park for rowing, canoeing, and archery events.
- 1987 The water level of the reservoir was first lowered to provide a habitat for shore birds.
- 2007 The Earth Discovery Center opened near the site of the old ranger station.
- 2009 The Nature Center reopened as the Ornithology Center



**How many birds will you find?**

